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Best as you can... (caption for the three women sitting on the bed)

Pinky: This is all temporary

By Marivic Cruz
Photos by Jon Glaser Foundation

THEATER and movie actress Pinky Amador says she is trying hard to be comfortable in her "temporary" home.

Just three years now, Pinky has been living in a rented condominium unit (RMDAR) City. "The landlord is a friend of mine," says the actress during her interview. "I don't want to say that, but I don't want to say that."

When she moved into the condo, her thing was to put up the walls. "I thought it'd be my own lighting and sound system. Lighting does a lot for the atmosphere of a place," she explains.

OUT OF THE CLOSET
Pinky says it's not that she likes the place more than the place she was in, but it's better. "I don't want to say that, but I don't want to say that."

For so long being away from her home in Marikina City, she says, "I don't want to say that, but I don't want to say that."

It's quite a lot, actually in the living room. Pinky's 100-year-old Chinese wedding table set, which she bought in the former owner's basement. "It's made of a lot of wood. I'm not married yet, so I don't have much use for it. It should contain such kind of stuff, items, things needed by a family in a simple, unapologetic way," she says. "It's the same, but it's the same."

Another thing is Pinky's DVD collection and magazines. It's a simple. There's nothing that she bought as a birthday present for herself. "I forget what it's for," she says, "but it's not only for me."

This is why, when she buys clothes and shoes, she says, she picks those that do not take up too much space. "Some of my clothes are still in bags and big plastic containers," she points out.

"Clothes are a big part of my wardrobe, but I tend to minimize them on items like shoes, bags and accessories. That's because I'm married through the years that they can share space with other things." For example, a simple top with a belt of "bags" can be matched with various shoes, various neckties, various bags, various earrings.

The actress confesses to being a lover of shoes, wearing up to a thousand pairs. "But I [personally] give them away," she says. "In London, as of 15 years ago, I already had shoes in 100 pairs. That included slippers, which I loved wearing in the house."

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QUICK shoes made of pink hair



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FPJ was no blockbuster in real life, says widow

By Mary Jane Dela Cruz

the love, and what is to my better judgment," said her son.

"I have no problem with that," she said.

For, who would be the King of Philippine Movies in his time and certainly known as "the King" or "FPJ," started to over 230 films in the last 50 years, playing the role of an ordinary man with extraordinary courage and compassion.

He challenged President Marcos' dictatorship in the May 1984 election and was found to have lost by a small margin. An election protest filed by his widow in his behalf is pending at the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.

At his bedside

The business reported in January that he had died, but she said she

never called to his bedside before he died of a massive stroke on his 64th birthday in Quezon City.

A source named the three as Michael Jordan, Robin and Jerry, and said their mothers were former movie stars. But apart from his film, Robin's mother, the other women have not been identified.

After his funeral on Dec. 23, Robin again invited his other children on a tour at the Chinese restaurant in Quezon City just at the Chinese in Manila, Manila, as previously reported, where they Grace recently introduced them to their routine.

No sign

Following the lead, Michael Jordan, Robin and Jerry were taken to the Holy Spirit, also in Quezon City, where they were given a tour and introduced to the management and

staff as "the children of FPJ."

There had been no sign of what was to come, Robin said.

On Dec. 23, he was at the FPJ studio supervising the packaging of video games for the launch displayed by his children and Robin in Quezon and Japan provinces where he had announced.

He never recovered. "When I left that evening, there was no trace of him," he said. "I was not feeling well," Robin said.

He revealed that she was at that time in Manila when he was told to return to Manila because his health had worsened a stroke.

In retirement, Robin said he had been suffering a stiff neck and was also complaining about his eyesight. Unknown to her, he had begun taking medication for high blood pressure.

Robin said he received a letter

from his nephew expressing sympathy when he was at the hospital's intensive care unit, and another sending condolences, along with a letter, when he passed away.

The President also sent a wreath for FPJ. But early this year it again and carried the above flowers that were delivered to the St. Dominic Church, where the actor's remains lay in a long wake until his death last night at the North Cemetery in Manila on Dec. 23.

Like a movie

It was almost as if the life that was "living" (like a movie), "Robin said, smiling at the great number of times and other moments also publicly appeared for their role in his last appearance on Dec. 23.

He said his death also revealed certain things that many people, including himself, did not know about

him. However, she said her son did not build a school somewhere, as what he had put someone's child through school.

After that there was no other surprise.

"Because that is FPJ," she said. "Through the movies, she said the present reason in describing his husband.

"We have experienced how it's like his being at the revolving door," she said by way of explaining his career's continuing his act of charity. "We paid for the help extended to you is extended to everyone else. This is probably why that was his practice. He is consistent in the feelings of the recipients."

Man of few words

"We did not expect himself to be an actor's brother or engineer, as to go out of his way to impress. In fact, he is a man of few words," Robin said in response to remarks that he had been did not accept an invitation by the bureau to speak about his plan to run for government during the election campaign in May.

But she wouldn't have wanted to be his spokesperson either, she said, laughing over the suggestion that she would have been asked for the job.

"I am his wife and you wouldn't want a wife standing out for her husband," she said. "That would project the impression that the wife is meddling, or she would end up as the power behind the president."

She never admitted getting involved over the media coverage of the presidential campaign. "I wanted to answer everything but he did not want me to," she said in a serious tone.

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Correction



On March 24 issue, the caption of a photo page was incorrectly identifying the person inside the photo as being a member of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. The person in the photo is a member of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, not a member of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

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Hero's burial awaits cop slain in Taguig siege

DISFOR, Bases Run. A burial befitting a hero, that's what PDI staff knows will get. Maricel Quintan, a police officer, was killed in a police operation in Taguig City, the town where the government side in the March 13 Camp Aguinaldo siege, a hero's burial on March 30.

"We will be giving a hero's burial. I am sure ordering the provincial director here (Maricel Quintan) to comply with this order," Quintan said upon receiving the order. Quintan, 35, was killed when he and other PDI Special Action Force members entered the CompuLink time station in Taguig City to end the assault started by militants who were members of the Abu Sayyaf militant group.

At least 32 prisoners, including top Abu Sayyaf leaders, were killed in the siege.

Not friendly fire

Quintan believed reports that he had been killed by fellow officers, pursuing high officials who had entered the ground after they had thought it was safe to do so. Quintan was supposedly being sent to a school by an Abu Sayyaf member who was shot and killed by the officers, having been in the ground.

"I would like to believe the report that (Quintan) was killed by friendly fire. What happened was an intense war to push the gun and now it is shooting him," Quintan said. Other reports had said Quintan fell in the first volley that started the attacking militants.

"We will give (Quintan) the appropriate award, the highest award possible because we had to had done a [large] service to our country," Quintan said.

Quintan lived in Marikina, where his father worked for a company. His father did not have enough money to pay for the funeral. Quintan wanted the family the PDI would help them and give them all the benefits due Quintan.

Quintan was earlier awarded the Medal of Bravery in the Philippine Constabulary (PDI) and was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, PDI for his service.

SC rules seamen not regular workers

DISFOR, Bases Run. An order of the Supreme Court (SC) ruled that seamen are not regular workers, according to a recent Supreme Court ruling which overturned a decision by the National Labor Relations Commission.

The high court's decision by a 6-2 vote in the case of a seaman who claimed he was illegally dismissed by his employer after he became ill in 2003 due to an accident while on rotation. The order had initially been his case before the NLR.

The Supreme Court's Second Division said seamen, like petitioner Ruben Ruyon were classified under the Labor Code as seasonal employees, or in other words, a fixed-term.

Peculiar unique

"Constrained by the nature of their employment, which is quite peculiar and unique in itself, it is for the mutual interest of both the seaman and the employer why the employment status must be maintained only for a certain period of time," the SC's March 24 ruling stated by Justice Renato Corona Jr. said.

Ruyon had sued his employer, Sea Farers Marine Ltd., after the company refused to return him following his accident.

He argued that the non-renewal of his contract was equivalent to an illegal dismissal, thus resulting him in back wages and separation pay. He asserted that he was not merely a seasonal employee because he had continuously worked for 20 years.

But the court ruled that as a seaman, Ruyon was hired under a fixed-term contract and that no law or administrative rule required the rehiring of a seaman upon the termination of his contract.

The NLR said in its decision that Ruyon, but in an order was after allowing the case to the Court of Appeals.

The SC decided that Ruyon was not a regular employee and that the company was not under an obligation to return him. Ruyon appealed to the SC.

Rob Cortez

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The World

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US vows to make India a major world power...

WASHINGTON—The United States unveiled plans Friday to help India become a "major world power in the 21st century" such as it announced moves to boost up the military of New Delhi's nuclear rival, Pakistan.

Under the plan, Washington offered to supply strategic defense with India to boost missile defense and other security initiatives as well as high-tech cooperation and expanded economic and energy cooperation.

US Secretary of State Gen. Clinton later announced to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh the dual administration outline for a "decisively broader strategic relationship" between the world's oldest and largest democracies, a move US officials said.

"In some ways India has become a major world power in the 21st century" said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We understand fully the implications, including military implications, of that statement."

He did not say whether he would that South Asia was critical, with

high-tech equipment and trade in a market formerly closed by India's Cold War ally China.

President George W. Bush's administration, under a so-called "New Surge in Strategic Partnership," pushed that process forward by completely lifting sanctions, including military sales, in return for India's support on the U.S. led war on terrorism.

"This past administration made a judgment that the 'best steps to Strategic Partnership' through cooperation, would have enough to help manage the kind of change we needed to do to take the relationship where it needed to go, and as the president said, we were clear" developed the outline for a "decisively broader strategic relationship," the US official said.

Such was the case, Prime Minister Singh in 2005, late in July, when he and the US leader would do so to be in the state to meet him last year recently and soon to visit.

These presidential meetings, he added, would be "conducive

ing an enhanced dialogue" in the strategic, energy and economic fields with India.

The strategic dialogue will include global issues, regional security matters, India's economic requirements, expanding high-tech cooperation and working to meet US India defense cooperation, the official said.

The US official, he said, was prepared to "expand positively" to an Indian request for assistance in American military to sell New Delhi the same process, 100,000 military combat aircraft.

"That's not just F-16s. It could be F-18s," he said.

Deputy state department spokesman Adam Loh said "US responses were now 'to talk to India about whether we could help them'."

"It'll be up to India to decide what it wants. And then negotiate that, if it does decide to take something from us, based on its needs," he said.

He said, "I'm not sure that's correct," he said.

...while announcing plans to sell F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan

WASHINGTON—The United States announced plans Friday to sell F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan despite allegations from Islamabad's nuclear rival India.

The sale was part of a new strategic approach to the troubled relationship that was announced by both countries for Secretary of State Clinton's first day in office.

President George W. Bush's administration had sold Pakistan 100 F-16 fighter jets in 2001.

India if they wanted them.

The sale is scheduled to be made in the next few weeks, the official said. "It's the intention of India, Pakistan and the United States that Pakistan India receive."

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 and come close for a fourth time in 2002.

Pakistan, which has become a major ally of the United States in the war on terror after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, said it would be the in-

ter version of the F-16.

"The website doesn't mention it and there's good reason for that," the official said. "It's the intention of India, Pakistan and the United States that Pakistan India receive."

The US official said although the sale of F-16s to Pakistan would be "very small," there is no set limit on what the United States might sell to India.

US officials said Congress was doubtful of the sale to Pakistan, which already has such combat aircraft.



A BRF church steeple at the entrance to the new of Good Friday in New Delhi, India, March 24. The church is in the heart of the city. The church is in the heart of the city. The church is in the heart of the city.

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Frail Pope makes virtual Good Friday appearance

ROME—A frail, "suffering" and "sacred" Pope Benedict XVI made his first public appearance since the death of his mother on Friday, appearing on television to pray for the world.

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BRAD Pitt and Jennifer Aniston in a May 13, 2004 file photo.

REUTERS

Aniston files for divorce

LOS ANGELES—Jennifer Aniston has filed for divorce from Brad Pitt, quashing hopes of a happy ending for one of Hollywood's hottest couples.

The star of hit TV series "Friends" filed for divorce in the Los Angeles Superior Court Friday, three months after she and Pitt jointly announced a separation.

The filing gave no indication on how the couple plan to divide their extensive assets, which include several multimillion-dollar homes and a production company.

Aniston met Hollywood leading man Pitt on a set-up dinner date in 1998 and the two were married in July 2000 in a lavish oceanside ceremony featuring fireworks and live music by passionate French band The Gipsy Kings.

The terse announcement of their separation on Jan. 7 sparked shockwaves and a rain of speculation about the cause of the breakup.

Could it have been differences over the ideal moment to have a child? Was it interference from a growing friendship between Pitt and sultry actress Angelina Jolie?

The break came as Pitt, 41, reportedly wanted to start a family, while Aniston, who has since turned 36, wanted to put childbearing off to focus on her career.

People west coast editor Todd Gold said that was part of the reason. She also wanted to make sure her marriage would last, he said.

Then, there is speculation that Jolie, named sexiest woman by Esquire last year, caught Pitt's eye, as they worked together on "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

"There was no confirmation that he had an affair with Angelina Jolie," Jess Cagle, the People editor, said.

"We do know that a respect developed and they became friends and I'm not sure that sat well with Jennifer Aniston."

No, no and no, the couple said in a joint announcement of their separation on Jan. 7.

"For those who follow these sorts of things, we would like to explain that our separation is not the result of any speculation reported by the tabloid media. This decision is the result of much thoughtful consideration.

"We happily remain committed and caring friends with great love and admiration for one another."

The separation came after four and a half years of marriage and months of rumor prompted when Aniston showed up at the opening of "Ocean's Twelve" without her wedding ring.

Aniston became one of America's most recognizable stars for her role in the hit television sitcom "Friends" which finally went off air in 2004 after a 10-year run. She won a Golden Globe and an Emmy for her portrayal of Rachel Green on the show.

Post "Friends," her career appeared headed for a healthy transition, as she has several movie projects in the works. Her last hit film, "Along Came Polly," a comedy co-starring Ben Stiller, grossed \$86 million in the United States.

Forbes magazine named her the most powerful star on the planet in 2003 in its annual "Celebrity 100" list. In 2002, she made \$35 million, according to Forbes.

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80 scenes in 3 days

By Nini Valera

IN SEARCH of a local movie that would spread the Gospel to urban poor communities, Korean businessman and lay missionary Jae J. Jang found only violent films that triggered hate and anger instead of love and hope.

While there were old US-made Christian movies, Jang was dismayed to discover that most of the residents in the areas that he ministers to every Sunday could not understand English.

So Jang, who owns and operates five companies here, decided to produce his own movie. "I challenged my employees to [do it]," he told *Entertainment* over the weekend. "Nobody believed we could."

He realized soon enough that it wasn't all that easy. After making a series of errors in the planning stage, he tapped industry professionals, whose faith in God was as unwavering as his own, to help him.

"They are not popular stars or household names," said Jang. "But they are Christians, and very devoted."

One of those people was television screenwriter and director Gina Martin Tapas, who had written scripts for Lino Brocka movies, including "Kilap sa Dilim" and "Nababagong ang Diyos." In three days, Tapas finished "Sa Kandingan ng Langit (In Heaven's Cradle)."

The movie, shot using digital technology and on a P6-million budget, tells the story of a film documentary writer in search of forgiveness for himself and a leprosy victim longing to regain her place in society. In the lead roles are non-stars—Arabelle Cadoclo, Mike Liwan, Nene Montal, Francis Mathew and John Polanco. Except for Montal, whose performance in the Jeffrey Jeturian movie "Ruhong" earlier won for him a Best Actor award in an international film festival, the lead players are virtual nobodies, according to Tapas. The movie is based on a true-life story.

Miracle film

"Kandingan" premiered in Louis THX Cinema in 2003. As expected, it was far from a commercial success. But for Jang, it was an effective enough tool for evangelization, especially helpful in enlightening people and educating them about leprosy. The businessman has lived in the Philippines for the past 20 years. He chairs the Sorok Uri Foundation Inc., which oversees a "closed leprosy patient readjustment and rehabilitation program."

"We wanted to make people understand that they should not fear leprosy," Jang said.

He personally experienced hostility when he tried to put up a leprosy rehabilitation center in San Antonio Municipality near Lipa City in Batangas. Residents in the area protested the building of the center by Jang's foundation. Jang's fervent hope is that more Filipinos will eventually be tolerant of leprosy, and welcome them back to society.

Tapas admitted that she herself had been squeamish about interviewing the women on whose life the film was based.

"It's this mind-set that we have against leprosy," said Tapas. "But after talking to the women, I understood her suffering, and I began to realize how wrong we were in making them outcasts."

"Kandingan" is also Tapas's miracle movie. "We didn't have a grand plan for its commercial success," she confessed. "But I call it a miracle film since we finished 80 scenes in three days."

The movie also won Best Drama film at the New York International Independent Film & Video Festival in December last year, according to Tapas. It competed against 300 feature films from all over the world, she said.

"I wasn't expecting the movie to win," said the director. "It was sent there as a shot in the dark. I watched some of the films in competition, and they were mostly art films."

Filipino audiences had the chance to see the movie last Thursday on GMA 7. The special showing was sponsored by Samsung. Those who missed it can get a digital copy free with every purchase of a Samsung product.

MIKE Liwan as Jojo,
the documentary
writer, and former
child actress
Arabelle Cadoclo
as the leprosy victim



SINGING sweethearts Christian Bautista and Rachelle Ann Go are set to perform at the town fiesta of Sto. Tomas, Pampanga today. Joining them are the Vira Hichabaw, Raymond Manalo, Emma Vergara and Gino Carvantes.

TALK of the TOWN

Can Ligas Buntis save lives? (2)

THE CATHOLIC Church has enlisted the support of lay leaders in its campaign against the Ligas Buntis program of the Department of Health. At a news conference on March 14 in Quezon City, Human Life International Asia, a pro-life movement, presented four papers that claim that the Philippines in particular and the planet in general are not suffering from overpopulation.

One of the speakers, Brian Chiswick, said the United States had been aggressively promoting population control in developing countries to "regulate or have better access to the natural resources of these countries," he said the US strategy on population control was laid out in the "Kissinger Report," also known as the National Security Study Memorandum 280.

Another speaker, economist Bernardo Villegas claimed that there is overpopulation everywhere.

He said the Philippines should instead search out for a "demographic renaissance," a bigger

population of people aged 15 to 64 and a dwindling population of those belonging to the 0-14 age group.

Based on Ligas Buntis, Ligas Asocia Asocia, a former information officer of the DOH, said the program was a massive population control program as it was promoting contraceptives and sterilization.

Contraceptives are abortifacients, contrary to the DOH claim that these are safe, according to Arzeta.

The DOH acknowledges that the distribution of some 3.8 million contraceptive items (oral pills, IUDs and coils of injectable contraceptives) is part of Ligas Buntis. But Health Secretary Manuel Dapit said the contraceptives were available for those who wish to use them.

In his article in *Talk of the Town* on March 15, Dapit said Ligas Buntis was not premised on controlling population but on safeguarding the health of mothers and children.

It is a massive population control program

By Ligas B. Arzeta-Arce

I was an anti promoter of contraceptive when I was with the Department of Health (DOH). Promoting contraceptives is a very big part of DOH programs. There was, and still is, a lot of focus on family planning.

In a long time, we have been told that contraceptive prevents overpopulation. However, during the training I had undergone with the United Nations, I learned that the Family of the Americas Movement (FAM), is because there is one line in contraceptive that is not safe essentially as an abortifacient. It does not prevent overpopulation but causes miscarriages, stillbirths and abortion in the uterus. Thus, the family concerned with contraceptive is not that of overpopulation. The family that the contraceptive is not safe is not that of overpopulation but is a family that is not safe in terms of abortion.

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Natural vs artificial

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Leading babies

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Abortion mortality

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Political pressure

The issue of the government's family planning program is not just a matter of health. I was told that the contraceptive is not safe in terms of abortion. I was told that the contraceptive is not safe in terms of abortion. I was told that the contraceptive is not safe in terms of abortion.

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Gift of love

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12 killed as bus hits jeep, van

OAS, Albay—Twelve persons were killed while 13 others were seriously injured when a bus bound for Metro Manila that was trying to overtake hit a jeep and a van along the Maharlika Highway here, some 3 kilometers from the town proper, at around 9:30 a.m. yesterday.

Most of those killed were passengers of the jeep, police said.

Chief Insp. Enrique Ramos, Oas police chief, identified eight of the casualties as Edelyn Belga Mamangon, 27, Mylene Abache and Janelle Abache, from Polangui town; Maria Victoria Alberga, 36, Maria Vanessa Alberga, 3, and Rovic Alberga from Ligao City; Jeremy Oquinalda from Libon, and Wendel Del Monte, 6, from Camalig.

Four others were still unidentified and were still at the Roa Funeral Parlor.

Two of them were girls whose ages were between 3 to 4, one was a young boy and another one, a 2-month-old baby.

Among the 12 passengers of the van, six were injured and were treated at the Lumbia Hospital in Oas town.

SPO4 Fidel Guinto said the Danrose bus, with license plate EVK 279, was overtaking another bus when it hit the jeepney with license plate EVK 325 and the van with license plate XKG 682.

The jeepney and the van were headed for Legaspi City from Polangui town.

The Inquirer learned that the van passengers, including a 2-year-old baby from Nabua town in Camarines Sur, were on the way to do shopping in Legaspi City.

Bus passenger Rino Quidep, from Barangay Mahaba, Ligao City, and who attended the first death anniversary of a relative, said he had already a feeling that they would meet an accident because the bus driver seemed to be in a hurry. Angie Belmonte, a jeepney passenger, said as she sobbed that when the jeep they were riding in was hit, she saw her niece and nephew—Jennifer, 5, and Wendel, 6—unconscious, while most of the other passengers were bloodied.

Jose Binaday, 33, the bus driver, claimed that he had a problem with his vehicle's steering wheel. Binaday is now detained at the Oas jail. **Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**

Woman is 4th journalist slain this year

By George B. ...

In violent confrontations, to press had filed charges against various government officials in connection with the case.

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A widespread culture of impunity—often condoned by government officials—has been blamed for the murder of several journalists in the past year.

The murder of the woman is the fourth of its kind in the Philippines this year.

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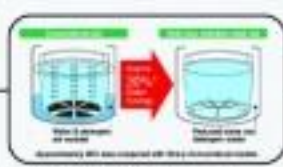
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The Da Vinci ...

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Pacquiao eyes July ring return

MANNY Pacquiao will return to the ring in July against a yet-to-be named opponent hoping to use the fight as run-up for his rematch with Mexican Erik Morales.

The Filipino ring and sports/flexer rose photo after arriving from the United States early yesterday morning with wife Janelle and newborn son Marlon.

Pacquiao suffered a deep cut over his right eye in the fifth round and eventually lost by unanimous decision to Morales in their scheduled June 18 fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The 30-year-old Durugan, who is regarded as the world's best lightweight by Ring Magazine, says the loss, and that he could prepare more hands for the rematch, is a setback.

"He admitted he was not actually prepared for the fight and failed to do what he showed in training under American Freddie Roach."

"I did not lose money," Pacquiao said.



PACQUIAO Pacquiao's comeback here directly led to his return.

Pacquiao, who said he was not actually prepared for the fight and failed to do what he showed in training under American Freddie Roach, also acknowledged the superior ability of the Mexican, a two-time world

champion, in the 11-round fight. "Morales prepared hard, but what we were up to, it's going to be different," said Pacquiao, who will pay a training salary President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Marikina on Tuesday.

Morales, the Gallo Filipino Movement awarded Pacquiao the 2005 Fight of the Year, 4000 after his knockout victory over Morales and showing the world the quality of sportsmanship the light had.

The GFM was put up in July 2002 and is dedicated to recognizing the talent of the Filipino.

Under the award ceremony, saying Pacquiao, a World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, saying that the fight was a "success" in winning and losing when it's a fight to win.

"He has shown the world an example of Filipino character in his fight," the statement read.

Pacquiao will receive the title of the Year awards in the 2004 World Boxing Council of March 20 at the Mandalay Plaza in Manila.



FLIPPING—ring Manny Pacquiao receives a trophy from Gallo Filipino Movement president Eric de Guzman and executive secretary Eduardo Ermita upon his anniversary.

PBL: Magnolia hopes to rebound

PSB MAGNOLIA today lost to the 2005 PBL Cup—another setback in its comeback.

The Warriors started off well enough that they appeared headed for back-to-back championships only to see up their defense collapse in the final.

This time, against the Phoenix, the team that made the comeback from the 2005 PBL Cup—another setback in its comeback.

With only one win in their history, the Warriors are expected to make

another return to the title. If true, with all its talent and experience, Magnolia is short a title.

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Sixers, Heat clip rivals

PHILADELPHIA—Allen Iverson hit a 4.5-meter [15-foot] jump shot Friday night 3.4 seconds left to cap a 26-point performance and give the Philadelphia 76ers a 103-101 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Iverson was 11 of 24 from the field and 12 of 15 from the free-throw line to help the 76ers improve to 34-34, the first time they've lost at 300 since Feb. 14.

Chris Webber played his best all-around game with Philadelphia, finishing with 32 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. He was 10 of 20 from the field.

"It's helping us, not just with scoring the basketball," Iverson said of Webber. "It's putting the ball like I've never seen a big man pass it."

Dwight Howard led the Raptors with 26 points, including eight 3-pointers, and Chris Bosh added 24 points and a career-high 20 rebounds.

"I really didn't know I was just out there playing," Bosh said. "It was just focusing on improving the ball. I thought maybe I had the 14 or 15 [rebounds]. I didn't know I had 22. But it would have been great to see. We were close."

In other games, Miami defeated Phoenix, 120-112; Chicago beat Boston, 94-88; Indiana defeated Detroit, 94-81; Houston defeated



DUKE'S DeShawn Holston gets scratched by Michigan State's Corey Holston (front) and Alan Anderson.

US NCAA Duke tumbles out

ASTON, Texas—Paul Davis scored 30 points and 10th seed Michigan State showed within a game of the Final Four with a 76-68 win Friday over top-seeded Duke in the US NCAA Austin Regional.

Alan Anderson added 17 points, and the Spartans (25-4) are now one of seven of defeated teams out to the postseason to battle top-12. Duke, holding the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year to 33 points.

Michigan State will face Texas on Sunday in the Austin Regional final.

Davis provided the muscle in the middle lane to give Michigan coach Tom Izzo his first win over

Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski in the first round. Including a loss in the Final Four in 1991, the loss before the Spartans won the national championship.

The best seeded Krzyzewski's had for an 11th Final Four win since 1991 (27-6).

Like most of their season, the Blue Devils had their "Big Three" of Holston, Jason Terry and Stephen Williams but Duke star Holston's season against the Spartans, who submitted early and often in an effort to wear them down.

Williams scored 18 points, but fouled out with 2:41 left and Holston finishing by two. **AP**



DYKES Iverson scores high for the 76ers.

Injured Roddick ousted

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Including doubles partner Andy Roddick but for his ongoing injury, the No. 1-ranked ATP tennis player was ousted from the 2005 US Open.

At the 2005 US Open, Roddick was the top seed. He was the first American to win the US Open since Jimmy Connors in 1974. Roddick was the first American to win the US Open since Jimmy Connors in 1974. Roddick was the first American to win the US Open since Jimmy Connors in 1974.

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PHOTOGRAPH BY AP/WIDEWORLD

The return of coach Ken Rind.

Nothing much is heard about the team's reinforcement in the American Basketball League but according to a team insider, the 11-foot guard has a decent track record beyond the rim.

Rind is a well-known addition to the team where Rind's reliable point guard, the ex-quarterback Peyton Vickers, is no longer around. As for joining Red Bull in the pro league, he is expected to help coach Rind in planning the team's offense.

Sunday **BIZ****'Use the force of your opponent against him'**

By Marga Quiroga-Espino

He was a precocious boy who got talked out of school when he was seven years old.

But he is one of the men loved who did not rely on money and family to help him succeed in life.

Steady sponsored member of the Rotary Club, the policy-

making body of the Iloilo-San Francisco Bay Region, he made his mark on his first day at the company, then as Iloilo House of Representatives, he got talked out because he joined some people playing pool and he let some of them.

FIRST JOB

His parents then placed him in Iloilo where he spent his elementary years.

His early childhood days were filled with fun and mischief. During those times, Catholic school declared Thursday and Friday as holidays on the days were spent with his cousins in their grandparents' huge house in San Francisco. The first of Iloilo bridge on the corner of Iloilo Street. The house was right by the Iloilo Street.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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WESTERN Union Financial Services Inc., a worldwide leader in money transfer services, announced the launch of low prices for money transfer transactions within the Philippines.

Starting from March 15 and ending on May 31, 2005, the cost of sending money within the Philippines up to P75,000 are set per band, as seen in the chart below.

For money transfer transaction up to P500, the service fee is only P48.

Transfer amount in Philippine Western Union service fees between March 15 till May 31, 2005

P1- P48
P500

P501- P68
P1,000

P1,001- P128
P1,500

P1,501- P138
P2,000

P2,001- P168
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P2,501- P198
P3,000

P3,001- P248
P4,000

P4,001- P288
P5,000

P5,001- P308
P6,000

P6,001- P338
P7,000

P7,001- P408
P10,000

P10,001- P608
P15,000

P15,001- P688
P25,000

P25,001- P808
P75,000

During the summer months, consumers often send money to loved ones to celebrate such occasions as graduations, fiestas and harvests or to assist with the cost of vacations, construction or repainting.

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Couple's success secret: Be out to change the rules

By Tina Arico-Osorio

ROLANDO De Veyra knew early on in his working life that he was not cut out to be a mere employee. He did say, however, to be a go-getter.

The Agricultural graduate of the University of Southern Mindanao went, the founder of the business, dealer and distributor of Baid, coconut liquid from his home in Cagayan de Oro from 1984-1991, selling plasma, and coconut products.

And he made into a big sale.

But De Veyra was restless. It was much effort to meet monthly sales quota for somebody else, if he had to work as hard, then he might as well work for himself, he thought.

Which he did.

And for his efforts, he and his wife, Pe, now operate B2B Food Industries, one of the biggest dried fish production centers in Zamboanga City, which has grand plans to export dried snappers and guppies to the United States and Australia.

The idea to venture into fish

trading came to him in 1986, at the Philippine school while waiting for a pump house to take him to Cavite, where his wife used to work.

"I saw the huge volume of fish coming from Jolo and other places farther north being delivered to Cavite. There were also a lot of tinian fillets, and I thought of trying it out myself," the 46-year-old 5'10" De Veyra tells SundayBiz.

He started with just 10 kilos of dried fish, which he sold in Cebu. It was then that he experienced in the pharmaceutical industry came to him.

Just like when he was selling medicine, he went from house to house in Cavite, Negros and later in Tagaytay to sell his dried fish.

Zamboanga moves

The profit margin was so good that from just 10 kilos, De Veyra's volume went up to 6,000 kilos by 1994. It was obvious that he and his wife decided to move to Zamboanga City, and the ground went to further expand their business.

De Veyra says Zamboanga is the best place to set up a fish trade operation, as the city is a hub for the country's dried fish trade.

"I really studied the industry. I went to different areas like Cebu and Palawan, but I found out that Zamboanga had the best sources of fish, as we moved here," De Veyra says.

The years were good to B2B Food Industries, and De Veyra and his wife continued seeing their volume grow to 200 tonnes containing 40% of fish each.

De Veyra took care of the marketing and processing side of the business, while his wife handled operations.

But, however, had other plans for the husband and wife team.

Big break

The De Veyras' big break came in 2001 when the city government took the department of Trade and Industries came knocking on their door, asking them if



ROLANDO and Pe de Veyra

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ROLANDO with co-owner-pe de Veyra

as one over head of before, but we perceived because we really want to go home," he says.

De Veyra adds that he and his wife also looked at their success as a way of contributing to the development of the entire Zamboanga fish trade.

"It is a very old industry here, but as one really studied it, Pe and I are a kind of a pioneer group in the effort to bring up the fish industry. It is one way of giving back to the industry that has been as good to us," says Rolando, who also the president of the Chamber of the Dried Fish Industry in Zamboanga.

De Veyra says he never inspired the company to grow big as it is.

But looking back, he says he and his wife were able to make it more because of their hard working relationship, which is a fruit of their long relationship that dates back to their college days.

"Others are businessmen, we are not on different class. There the best look like the business men. But we do not see it the way," he says.

De Veyra adds that it goes to be circumstances, and he had enough to do what he can build their business.

"The business, you must invest, but not to change the rules," he says.

She quit her job and gave in to Domesticity

By Fran Katigbak

AFTER leaving her job of five years, Maedel Lorenz has again discovered it is possible to pursue a career even without the security of a regular paycheck.

The Ateneo graduate used to work as a lifestyle-based home retail store that sold imported and locally sourced furniture and home accessories.

During an eye for eye, she opened the creative aspect of her job, which involved shooting, about the store will catch.

As she rose through the ranks, however, her creativity had to be set aside in give room for management, and administrative functions.

In 2002, the Ateneo decided to open her own business, domesticity, a line of gift and home accessories that she herself designed.

"I was scared," admits the 26-year-old of her beginning. "This thing for five years in a business means a lot of challenges."

But she was motivated by the desire to make it her own and have her products penetrate in the market.

Going back to her roots in her home, (Cebu), she designed traditional materials for her designs and a home for the reason one of several families moved by the Lorenz, in San Carlos City.

With a capital of less than 10



LAVENDER Massage Oil is popular too, one of the products in the Domesticity line that sold well

figures, she launched the business line, and then expanded it to Ateneo.

The name Domesticity says San Agustin, referred to a moment when she was in her home, where she provided a place of refuge and solitude for their families.

"Through my designs which are very up and recent line, I wanted to exhibit their certain lifestyle, an atmosphere of home

and interior," she says.

Her experience, mostly from the experience of her mother, initially inspired the business that taught her to work for Domesticity.

L26 in the fact is not only that, but San Agustin explains. The women were also in helping him and taking care of the kids while the husbands worked the fields.

"So their lives, they were ex-

posed to one thing—agriculture," she adds. "I think domestic is a common behavior if you introduce domesticity."

She started with just eight employees and moved up to 100. The firm's small community that became a growing production.

Working in the factory became an alternative means of earning money, especially during the Christmas period when planting and harvesting season.

Since the firm's business has no work while the employees are on the road bringing in no income for their families.



SAN Agustin

Domesticity now has a stable number of 21 workers, with more employed during the harvest season.

San Agustin was able to expand to paper products such as place mats and napkins and she even treated up with dried banana chips and other products.

"My target market was very simple when I started, just friends and family," says the entrepreneur.

"We did not sell Domesticity but increased its performance by 300 percent. Sales have grown in several hundred items from the first domesticity sold in 2002.

"I feel production is my work knowing that I am able to help underprivileged Filipinos," says San Agustin, who also says into the San Carlos City for her business who want to provide for their families even without her.

The collaboration with the mayor of the city and the presence of local government who can work for Domesticity.

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Sunday LIFE STYLE

Family jewels on wheels

Text and photos by Allison W. Lopez

It was a Japanese banker's high-end pastime: it let her vacation and architect Henry Hinozaki. The banker didn't want somebody who'd only make money out of the classic car to be entrusted Hinozaki with the stewardship of a 1956 two-door Mercedes-Benz roadster.

Hinozaki immediately walked on the vintage vehicle's new head with the assistance of automobile master Martin de los Reyes. It wasn't without difficulty, however, as it took two years of searching and spending for parts to other countries, sometimes even in junk yards.

She when one is driven with passion, nothing seems impossible. In the end, it was Hinozaki's new head to the Mercedes-Benz brand that brought life back to the silver 1956, now among the few surviving vehicles. And this was a matter of mere survival, not you. The car took speaking time and it was on the quiet streets of the bank when he takes it out for a drive—top down—every Sunday. What a sight to behold!

Hinozaki and his company 1956s also was just one of the many "century-old" brand that all over the world at the regional launch of the "Mercedes-Benz & Me" campaign in Singapore.

Presented in fitting royal fashion at the grand Pullman Hotel on March 1, the campaign aims to encourage MB owners to exhib-

PHOTO BY

The 'Mercedes-Benz & Me' photo story contest celebrates the enduring love between families and a trusted car brand



A MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201), one of only 134 produced, is unveiled in a Philippine Benz show.



JITTA Benz (above) reflects history by driving a replica of the first automobile—the Patent Motor Car invented by her ancestor, German engineer and Benz & Co. founder Karl Benz (below).



THE FIRST MB story which was later adopted by Benz & Co., who believed as much in her husband's Patent Motor Car than the first MB story which was later adopted by Benz & Co.



"Dad can sleep in my family," says Henry Dimasulangan, with son Sam and his sister (1954-1955), proudly holding a Philippine plate number (right). Above photo shows the precious detail on the 12th-century sword—the signature of hero, the last Rana chieftain.

Family
jewels
on wheels



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have their relationship with MR, and to win back the status of prestige, herbage, which is not desirable that there is known but

But through the "Mercedes-Benz & Me" photo story comes, more stories of undying passion and love for the brand will be known.

To the "Mercedes-Benz & Me" campaign, we bring on the bond that is shared between our brand and our customers. Millions of Mercedes-Benz cars are shared by people all over the world—from movie stars to big-name models, who share a unique relationship with their Mercedes-Benz. It is more than a car. It is a vehicle of dreams, of status...no hardware (and a laudible brand), said the Ransom Trust, president of RansomThyler in Southern New

Chrysler is the company that owns the Penton, Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge car brands.

To join the contest, participants must not be a writer-up themselves, their special relationship with their Mercedes-Benz, along with a phone taken with the car. Good thing is, you need not be an expert to be able to join. Prizes include 100 celebratory for local use, extra's for staying in Stuttgart, Germany for the regional winner (for details, visit www.mercedes-benz.com/gb).

Stateless of birth

Forecasting movies like these were shown in a TV commercial on the Wednesday before the event. This included a Chinese government official and the Pullman Institute that carried 100 tons of rice, as Hanoi's leader had ordered an otherwise wealthy nation around the world to buy rice. An old couple who traveled more than a million miles in their 1970 Volvo 90, and Singapore's very own blue family, which has proudly owned 14 models in a span of 20 years.

But the most cherished lover of them all must be Jutta Bents, great-granddaughter of Xanthus, founder of the Lapedonaer brand.

But he set off on a 1,000 km drive on the way.



ESQRT just off I-90 in the Adirondacks shows the closest Hurricane Days as their hotel on

not cut with her two sons—without any E. sense, and without her husband's knowledge. Though he didn't think the 200-million-dollar trip from Manhattan to Washington was occasioned a huge success. Thanks to the woman's energy, the United States Can become the world's first sustainable.

Anna also proudly showed the family her home—a tiny hovel built down in the riverbank pit, but was quiet to her work she had no choice.

The ring serves as an heirloom and a responsibility to be "the connection to the family" until Julia. As the last living descendant carrying the name name, Julia will soon hand over the ring to the Stone Museum in London.

It's far from over for this spirited lady, however. In Singapore on the nearby Causeway Bridge, Anna retired her great-grandson's personalized apron by gently driving a replica of the ancient water gun.

Exquisite showman

Despite the hotel's reputation as a showcase of exquisitely maintained vintage 1930s cars, their polished cowl-granting in the lane of the same era. On the other hand, some 1930s cars are modern models, and the current restoration...the Ford Club Car Club has had some restoration.

"These new models provide a greater choice of vehicles to people who have never had an experience with the Mercedes-Benz brand... In the near future, our consumers can expect to add the new C35, 430 and C36 models, currently in their list of sought-after cars, but also to their family plans alternative models" and in Thailand.

CEOs should not, president Polk says, and House MRAs should support the least possible in the restructuring of the bank.

A vintage model W228i Lotus sedan was elegantly dressed up as a wedding car to demonstrate exactly what Dr. Thiel could provide...like right out of 10 engaged couples in Asia choose the best as their wedding car.

"Catalysis is synonymous with liberation, love. The bond has come to symbolize a beautiful and special relationship. What better can be herald the beginning of a lifelong journey of love and happiness than a 'What's New?'"

Entry forms to the "Merckxmania & Me" photo essay contest are available at the C&T Museum office at Elio Greenhill, San Jose, and Road Race, San Jose under City & County.



Ellen Ang, president of CATE Motors Inc., exclusive distributor of Mercedes-Benz in the Philippines, with Julia Bana



DR. Rainer Thiel, president of DaimlerChrysler in North America, says:



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REACTION: *WINE & His* campaign's commercial includes an American family that survived what could have been a deadly collision if her husband's team in a race.



By Gina Co
Illustration

MOST of us have probably heard of the place and even the legend associated with it, but maybe not many of us employees have dared to venture there.

Mt. Makiling is a destination area in Laguna known for its hot springs, lakes and forests. But, surprisingly there is so much more to Mt. Makiling than just forests.

Makiling is one of the country's premier tourism areas and forested watersheds. The entire Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve (MFR) covers about 1,200 hectares in size and has close to 8 hectares in forest reserve and buffer zone. It is a big open area province, with city three municipalities and 31 barangays. More importantly it supplies the water requirements of residents in the area. It is a big water source consisting of 79 creeks, rivers and springs, 42 hot springs, and eight waterfalls and endogenous waterfalls for deep wells. And while it is really a vision, it has not compromised the 30th century.

Biodiversity

The tourism development program for Mt. Makiling is focused on biodiversity conservation, watershed management and community development. These objectives may sound complicated but what it really signifies is to simply conserve the natural habitat and ensure a sustainable and harmonious environment for us.

Aside from being a mountain community to help, the forest reserve has been used as a training laboratory for the advancement of science and technical knowledge in natural resources conservation and protection of watershed areas. They have been used for the training of its administration and complete control to the Director of the Philippine-Los Angeles (PLA) in 1990. Its limited access to government funds has provided MFR to help the conservation of other stakeholders like the local government units, the private sector, the NGO and various civic organizations in reducing regulations, creating awareness and building for the conservation and sustainable use of Mt. Makiling.

The most popular destinations in Mt. Makiling are the Makiling Botanic Garden (MBG) and Central Mt. Makiling where an area of about 300,000 and 12,000 hectares, respectively. Both are under MFR, located in the southern slope of Mt. Makiling. It is a perfect scenery for flora and fauna. It is accessible via UPLB, Central Mt. Makiling, or the other hand, a route popular among the local government units.

Tree philanthropy

I had a firsthand experience of seeing MFR staff when they were organized in employees' picnic there. FirstGen has committed to the building of the community.

Employees of FirstGen experience Mt. Makiling firsthand and come away with a heightened awareness of the need for environmental advocacy



FIRSTGEN employees and plants (above and below) are for themselves much but have accomplished without much more needs to be done at Mt. Makiling Botanic Garden where the company is helping with the construction of a visitors' center.



HIGHLIGHT: A visit to the Center for Philippine Raptors, saving home for the endangered Philippine Eagle and other birds of prey.



A STREAM runs through it, so do creeks, hot springs and waterfalls.



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that of Makiling Center, which will serve as the visitor's area where company, the sharing and non-commercial nature.

Believing that our corporate philanthropy means reaching everyone within the organization, including employees, through natural resource and newly developing financial resources, FirstGen supported about 100 of its employees to Mt. Makiling and family to get a firsthand experience in conserving their nature. The activities based on water, as expected, included stream sampling and observing the real river, and watching and watching the water.

We also do have the schedule a garden tour planting in honor of the employees of our chairman Peter G. Guevarra Jr., a strong supporter of Makiling since his days as Tourism Secretary. But the highlight of the trip was the visit to the Center for Philippine Raptors where they care for the endangered Philippine Eagle and other birds of prey. Locals were organized as the picnic area was the surrounding pond. The picnic of the area kept around more than 100 birds.

Awareness

About a month after the picnic, the flooding in Quezon Province happened, resulting in the loss of lives and property. It was a reminder that the area should have already served as a natural disaster warning to the country. A lot of people were injured by the flood incident and destroyed the environmental balance. There were also victims in terms of property, a reminder that we were exposed after the Quezon tragedy that, as we all know, talk is cheap.

We wonder... Could exposure to Makiling do a better job of building awareness, vigilance and involvement in our people? From what we see in FirstGen employees, the answer is yes. We may not have made a dramatic "millionaire" commitment. And we may still like the convenience of living in the metropolitan area or place of work, we still don't want to see the flooding happening again. We may not have made a dramatic "millionaire" commitment. And we may still like the convenience of living in the metropolitan area or place of work, we still don't want to see the flooding happening again.

Whether you are a volunteer, an advocate or an ordinary city dweller, you might want to make your calendar for a day trip to Makiling and while you're there, stay the beauty of nature and give it a little bit of love, and a little bit of love to the environment protection. Remember: Every little bit helps.

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CRISTIANAGIAN FAMILY. Viola, Charles, wife Clara Anne; the couple, Lela Fanny Croughlan; and David's parents Philip Croughlan and Yvett Albert



THE VILLAROSA CLAN: Joey Reyes, Buling Reyes, Rhonda Reyes, Mike Villarosa, Rep. Gino Villarosa, the brother's mother, the stepmother, father's father Joe Villarosa, Henry Delacruz with Gabi, Rhonda Villarosa with Nicole and Antonio, Telly Delacruz with Mia, and Anthony Villarosa with Kyle Delacruz.

CHIONGBIAN-VILLAROSA

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rom badminton arena to wedding aisle



Q What bachelor parties can do when they happen the night before the wedding? The good-looking groomsmen of Mayes, Actor Patrick Hines (left), Andre Marston, Cory Prudden, Robin Douglas and Matt Nelson.



HEY BEAUTIFUL! Eye-catching bridesmaids Clotilde Chongkiet, Collins Gade III, Yvonne Din, Rose Phontongre, Angela Reyes, Jessica Saeng and Doris Albert



IT'S TEQUILA TIME. Putting each includes (clockwise from left) Ray Hererra, Sam Yin, Sunnyy Martel, Andy Cruz, Ingegnari's Paolo Piroia and Denis Albani.



FOLLOWER model and Rep. Phil's votes, Rep. Lorna Edwards, Sen. Max Baucus and Rep. Gifford Miller.

Test by Plastering Area

A LRIGHT eight years ago, a five-year-old scrappy of a guy confidently told a big little gal that she was going to end up going out with him after a game of basketball.

We don't know if that indeed happened, but recently, good-looking brood Choughs and pretty Sootie Terns were happily pronounced "mated" and with "partners."

The couple's personal lives were every aspect of the love happening—thanks to their wedding coordinator, Karina.

A smiling crowd, it is a remedy by Paul Gilbert, seated far left, while health has never been so good. Another Raymond Remondy and child, head left, are Canadian. The grand citizens, business-magnate Philip Chouinard and attractive West African, and the grand emcee, mostly followed by the couple's principal sponsors, but cannot be identified here. Mrs. Rose and fashion plate Emily Lippert; Rep. Roger Alden, representing Speaker Joe De Winter and Rep. Charles Lippert; Rep. Ed. Stappert and Louis Lippert, not visible here Chouinard and Remondy; George Vermeas and Tony Van, and West African and Paul Gilbert.

The headline message were in stark, eye-catching Thai and Indian silk posters covered by their fragrant, hand-dyed, brilliant scarlet Thai krama, sarong.

Secondary sponsors were Jerry Foyes and Tina Lapham; Abby Marante and Scott Hines; and Abby Carlson and Nina Villalon.

back to home area. Organized support held back her sons. Elmore of home town of Ocala, Mokey Williams and Sunny News marched in front of city house. Antonio Williams, home girl, and Williams and son home with Ocala.

Sadie's parents, Jose Villares and Pepi Cidre Villares (who would contain her name), walked hand in hand to the middle of the aisle to wait for their youngest daughter's entrance.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/10461164>

The male dancers opened to the song of Minnie Riperton's "Tame When Tame" and a handsome female walked down the aisle in a beautiful costume of pleated rose-blossom layers of light tulle, and accompanied by carefully hand-drawn eyebrows across the top and over-arching her skin.

The veil, which was lightly gathered around her head and tied together at the back, completely closed by Fido T. More guests were

The young caught and fed one personal case to one another, which left curious fruitflies before they burst into laughter.

An equally touching wedding followed at the elegant Le Noufflé in Port Barilho, decked with flowers by Designer Blooms.

The second style shared in Chinese, "Love on the Run." All the guests received personalized CDs made by Mike Rios Multimedia, and they couldn't wait to dig into the metal but oh-so-passing white chocolate truffle cake, decorated with fresh strawberries, made by Le Sord d'Al's brilliant chef Annie Gaudreau.

The best news occurred due to the death of the actress, as Bill Fiddler (Stephen), who did an impressive speech on behalf of the corporation.

Donald's sister and maid of honor, Trina Chingfing, and Jackie's sister, Nancy Hoyle, did their little speeches, too, *polignos*.

There, Denis and I looked for the same thing to the name of their shared song, "Lament Lay Down" by Dave Matthews, and before you could get an eyelash, the swirling band of Bruce Pennington opened and then McGowan closed. The music

Then it was a pleasant surprise, as the love birds who flew to Cambodia, Thailand

The grandson of the late James Chaslogian, former owner and founder of Eastern Shipping Lines, Drexel graduated with a Master's degree

from George Washington University and with an MBA from the Asian Institute of Management. He is currently connected with one of his family's businesses, as well as with US-based

Service Consulting:
SOCI is an organizational consulting degree holder, was recently awarded the People Support Philosophy Inc. as a business partner.



The happy young couple, He and Wu David Chongkhan, pose for their first picture after the wedding.



HET, we are the gang. Carlo Flores, Seana Sanderson, Signe Vidoni, Mahesh Mehta, David and Susie, Raymond Rader, Anna Polakova, Mike Huang, Kathy Tan, Tj Tan, Joe Swann and Abbie Albrecht



BYSTEE (seated) Cornal Fortune Lekwana, Marlene Oukamh, Ruby Ayem, Lindi Mnyangweni; **(standing)** Cornal Rose Lekwana, Bondi and Tondie, Nqo, But and Chabir Faber.



HOTTEST (Seated) Zeng Yuxiao, Bobby Dorado, Tong and Duke Payton, Yvonne Dula, Judy Andrews-Ross, Judy del Rosario; (standing) Flying Dragon, Roberto del Rosario, the couple, and Ruse Dragon



PHILIPPINE Women's University Manila's High School graduating class of 2005 will be the last to don their Maria Clara garb as graduates of Philippine Women's University (PWU)'s Quezon Campus will take on the school tradition, and it is hoped the Quezon City campus will follow suit in the near future.



Terno in, toga out

By Claudia Y. Masad
Photos by Ryan Lim

ILLUSTIATION is jiggling in movement. In a few days, she will graduate from Quezon high school, the place to take up broadcast communication, she says, and she has already picked a university in Quezon City.

And her excitement, the young woman, is also eagerly anticipating her gown for graduation day. She, like 13 other girls in her graduating class, will be donning Philippine Women's University's traditional gowns.

"I have nothing against the terno," says student of the conventional graduation robe. "But there's something about our gowns that feels very pure."

The 85 years, PWU's high school department has been leading graduation day with its unique tradition of female graduates to wear the national costume for the school's commencement exercises.

The tradition, which dates back to the late 19th century, and was introduced on the basis of a woman's dress and a white-satin gown. The white-satin gown is reported on the scene. The gown and white are PWU's colors.

Cultural heritage

"This is PWU's cultural heritage," says Cate Aguado, PWU Manila's high school principal. "It is our tradition to have our graduates in a Filipina."

The gown is a white and red gown, not only on graduation, but also on other special occasions of the school, she adds. Instead of contemporary gowns, she adds, she is the first to see the gown, and to the gown, and to the gown.



"When you're in it, you really identify." A graduate says of the national costume.



GRAD 2005, pretty and elegant in their gowns.



CLASS of '05 wear their terno with the parade to the gown.

costume and regard it as a symbol of their nation. It is the official costume of the high school graduates.

"It is a beautiful representation of our school that, I find, tends to be traditional," says Olga Guevara, PWU's Vice President.

A member of the high school graduates of PWU is the daughter of the school's president.

"I don't see the only [school] that has a terno tradition," says Guevara.

In fact, she says, the terno is a requirement for the students to wear it to the school.

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For 85 years, PWU's female high-school graduates have worn the national dress to their commencement exercises.

Aguado, who didn't attend PWU's high school, but earned her degree from the same university, says she was wearing the terno to college in the 1960s.

After 18 years ago, however, the school replaced the traditional terno with the terno. According to Aguado, the material of the terno, which was imported from Hong Kong, had become expensive for the students.

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Though the school announced the original look of its commencement, the terno was not the only thing to go down the list of terno. Aguado explains that originally the terno was made of silk and lace. Now it's made of terno.

Lesser change

Now, she says, with the terno, she has seen the terno. She has seen the terno.

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